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SUBJ: IAEA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSMENT
OF RADIOACTIVE, NON-RADIOACTIVE AND THERMAL DISCHARGES
AND DISPOSALS ON A REGIONAL AND GLOBAL BASIS

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AGENCY LETTER NOTING PLANS TO
CONVENE SUBJECT MEETING TO SYNTHESIZE RELEVANT STUDIES
IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS INTO A UNIFIED FIRST APPROACH TO
AN ESSENTIALLY NEW FIELD WHICH, BECAUSE OF ITS BREADTH,
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PRESENT SOME DIFFICULTIES. FIRST
MEETING SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT CADARACHE
NUCLEAR CENTER IN FRANCE SEPTEMBER 6-10, 1976.

2. AGENCY SECRETARIAT PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE ON
DEVELOPMENT OF A DOCUMENT THAT WILL PROVIDE BETTER
UNDERSTANDING OF COMBINED ACTION OF DIFFERENT TYPES
OF WASTE DISCHARGES ON LARGE SCALE, OF MEANS OF
ASSESSING THEM, AND OF POSSIBILITIES OF COMPARING
THEM. TENTATIVE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED
ENCLOSED IN ANNEX TO LETTER. LIST IS NOT RPT NOT
RESTRICTIVE, BUT PARTICIPANTS MUST KEEP IN MIND
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DETAILED STUDIES A GENERAL PHILOSOPHY OF COMBINED

WASTE DISCHARGES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEM, RATHER THAT TO ANALYZE PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF INTERFERENCE BETWEEN FORMS OF POLLUTION. FIRST MEETING SHOULD PRODUCE COMPLETE LIST OF CONTENTS OF POSSIBLE METHODOLOGY AND FIRST DRAFT OF DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD BE REVIEWED IN LATER MEETINGS.

3. AGENCY INVITES USG TO NOMINATE ONE SENIOR SPECIALIST WITH APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE AT NO RPT NO EXPENSE TO AGENCY. NOMINATION REQUESTED NLT JUNE 20, 1976.

4. MISSION BELIEVES SUBJECT MATTER OF MEETING IS OF GLOBAL INTEREST AND ACCORDINGLY, THAT USE OF COST-FREE EXPERT FUNDS TO SEND EXPERT TO THIS MEETING WOULD BE FULLY JUSTIFIED.

5. COPY OF AGENCY LETTER AND ANNEX POUCHED AMMONS/ERDA.

6. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES THIS WORK COULD BE USEFUL IN CONNECTION WITH GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ERDA HAS BEEN CONSIDERING. END COMMENT.

7. ADVISE.STONE

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